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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):*

Description, Pages

1-26 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-16 as originally filed

- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
 - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
 - ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):
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 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-16
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-16
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-16
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

see separate sheet

Re Item V.

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1 : WO 03/002533 A (PFIZER PRODUCTS INC; BERTINATO, PETER; BLIZE, ALAN, ELWOOD; BRONK, BRI) 9 January 2003 (2003-01-09)
D2 : EP 0 901 786 A (PFIZER PRODUCTS INC) 17 March 1999 (1999-03-17)
D3 : WO 03/063832 A (PFIZER PRODUCTS INC; CURATOLO, WILLIAM, JOHN; GUMKOWSKI, MICHAEL, JON;) 7 August 2003 (2003-08-07)

The present application describes a solid amorphous dispersion comprising the specific drug A, a microsomal transfer protein inhibitor (MTP inhibitor), and a polymer, wherein said drug A is present in an amount of at least 40% by weight and the process for forming thereof.

1. Novelty

Document **D1** discloses the specific drug A, a microsomal transfer protein inhibitor (MTP inhibitor) and the use of such a drug in the treatment of obesity.

Document **D2** discloses a solid amorphous dispersion comprising different drugs and a polymer, wherein said inhibitor is present in an amount of at least 40% by weight and the process for forming thereof.

Document **D3** discloses a solid amorphous dispersion comprising cholesteryl ester transfer protein inhibitors and a polymer, wherein said inhibitor is present in an amount of at least 40% by weight and the process for forming thereof.

Therefore, the subject-matter of claims 1-16 is seen as novel (Article 33(2) PCT).

2. Inventive step

- 2.2 The problem to be solved by the present invention may be regarded as to develop a formulation to bring said drug A in a solid amorphous dispersion. The solution to this problem proposed in claims 1-16 of the present application is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) for the following reasons: Non of the cited

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documents D1-D3 discloses or suggests such a solid amorphous dispersion with said drug A.

3. Industrial applicability

The subject-matter of the present claims 1-16 is regarded as industrial applicable.